

REMARKS

Twenty-three claims are pending in this application, numbered 1-23. There are three independent claims, numbered 1, 16 and 20. Each of these claims has been amended as indicated. Furthermore, claim 20 has been amended to include the language provided in the Examiner's amendment dated June 5, 2001.

The issue fee has not been paid in the original application. A review of the allowed claims has led to the amendment of clauses 1(c), 16(c) and 20(b) to more appropriately recite that the tackifying resin is an aliphatic hydrocarbon that is solid above 37°C, of which PiccoTac is an example.

The references formerly cited by the Examiner do not suggest the composition having the properties claimed in independent claims 1, 16 and 20.

A clean copy of the amended claims is included in the attached Appendix. Allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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